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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1756

Introduced by Assembly Member Knight
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Hagman, Halderman, Harkey, Jones, Logue, Morrell, Norby,
Olsen, Silva, Valadao, and Wagner)

February 17, 2012

An act to ~~add Section 51204.7 to~~ *amend Section 51204.5 of the* Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1756, as amended, Knight. ~~Pupil instruction.~~ *instruction: social sciences: California history.*

Existing law requires instruction in social sciences to include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of specified groups of people to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society.

This bill would instead authorize instruction in social sciences to include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of specified groups of people to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society.

~~Existing law, commencing January 1, 2012, requires that instruction in social sciences include a study of the role and contributions of lesbian,~~

gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States.

This bill would authorize a school district to elect not to provide this instruction.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51204.5 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 51204.5. Instruction in social sciences ~~shall~~ *may* include the
4 early history of California and a study of the role and contributions
5 of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans,
6 Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European
7 Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
8 persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural
9 groups, to the economic, political, and social development of
10 California and the United States of America, with particular
11 emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary
12 society.

13 SECTION 1. ~~Section 51204.7 is added to the Education Code,~~
14 to read:

15 ~~51204.7. Notwithstanding Section 51204.5, as amended by~~
16 ~~Chapter 81 of the Statutes of 2011, a school district may elect not~~
17 ~~to provide instruction relating to the role and contributions of~~
18 ~~lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans to the economic,~~
19 ~~political, and social development of California and the United~~
20 ~~States.~~